

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009

Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility (MJCF) opened its doors to 92 juvenile females who transferred from Indianapolis Juvenile. For a successful transition, students and staff were treated to pizza to facilitate a "get to know us" session.

The Covenant Choir from Goshen, IN brought a musical message of hope and thanksgiving to Rockville offenders.

Congratulations to the Indianapolis Parole District for receiving the ICA Parole Office/Employee of the Year award.

Camp Summit scored 100% on mandatory and 99.7% on non-mandatory standards for its 2nd year ACA internal audit.

Putnamville held its Community Advisory Board meeting. State Representatives Nancy Michaels and Vern Tincher, Putnam Co. Superior Court Judge Charles Bridges, Greencastle Mayor Sue Murray, and Brazil Chief of Police David Archer all attended.

Logansport Juvenile held a GED graduation for 16 students. Indiana State Police Captain Ed Schroder spoke at the event.

ISP is rolling out a new series of re-entry programming entitled "Intervention You!" The classes will enhance the current SPOP curriculum and provide additional education classes to assist offenders in achieving successful re-entry.

Two groups from Ivy Tech's Sociology classes recently toured Miami Correctional Facility.

CTI hosted training this week in conjunction with the FBI Critical Incident Response Group and the Indiana Association of Hostage and Crisis Negotiations. This training was open to all federal, state, county, and local negotiators.

During October, the Shifting Gears operation at Pendleton donated 105 refurbished bikes to charitable organizations.

The WVCF/Ivy Tech Barber School honored Ben Freeman as the first facility-licensed through the apprenticeship program.

192 paroled sex offenders went to the 4th Indianapolis Operation Safe Halloween. No offenders were arrested at the event.

A film crew from PREP Inc. interviewed offenders and spouses at ISP, CIF, and Pendleton in support of the new PREP Inside and Out curriculum, which teaches offenders positive communication and relationship skills.

Logansport Juvenile held a CLIFF graduation for 11 students. To date, 191 students have completed the program.

The National Institute of Correction's Offender Workforce Development Specialist training program recently completed its final week of training. Indiana's team, which included IDOC employees Tanya Zimmerman, Lisa Williams, David Burch, Liz Johnson, Nicole Doctor, and Tricia May, developed a plan to replicate this training in Indiana.

CIF held a Rally's Inside/Out Dad fundraiser. Some of the proceeds will go to the Delaware Co. Salvation Army.

42 Madison Juvenile students are currently taking the pre-GED test. Ball State and Ivy Tech are collaborating to deliver academic and vocational programming to students at the facility, officially beginning November 16.

PEN Products held a Career Path Planning Workshop for offenders, IDOC staff, and community service providers at Putnamville.

Last week, Logansport Juvenile celebrated Red Ribbon Week. David Parnell spoke to students about his recovery from methamphetamine addiction and shared his story of how the drugs negatively affected his body and spirit.

Miami hosted Straight Talk programs at Lafayette Park M.S. for 300 students and at the facility with youth from Wabash.

Wabash Valley staff were first on the scene of a truck/train accident in Carlisle. A patrol officer witnessed the crash and alerted first responders to the scene. WVCF fire personnel monitored the accident victim until emergency aid arrived.

Officer Timothy Warrum climbed CIF's water tower to install 2 red indicator bulbs to comply with federal and local laws.

PEN Products' Job Placement Program took 5 female offenders to a large Indianapolis business for mock interviews. The women participated in individual interviews and received resume writing and interview hints by H.R. managers.

During October, Pendleton Correctional Facility off-grounds work crews logged 2,184 hours of community service.

Branchville is hosting its 7th Kairos event. Over 40 volunteers and 50 offenders are expected to participate.

Pendleton Juvenile's Auxiliary Committee held a breakfast celebration and gave out t-shirts for all working in the facility.

This week, 17 Ivy Tech Criminology students toured Putnamville housing units and program areas to learn about the facility.

A Newslink Indiana Reporter visited Pendleton to videotape interviews with staff and offenders regarding the college program.

28 IDOC staff attended training as PREP Inside and Out facilitators. This curriculum will be used in PLUS and other units.

"Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be." ~ Kahlil Gibran